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1. INDICATIONS OF DOUBLE TRACKING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN NOTED ON THE TIENTSIN-SHANGHAI RAIL LINE; HOWEVER, WE ARE UNABLE TO DEFINE THOSE SECTIONS OF LINE WHERE DOUBLE TRACKING IS CURRENTLY IN USE DUE TO THE RESOLUTION LIMITATIONS AND SMALL SCALE OF AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHY.

2. ONLY ONE RAIL CROSSING HAS BEEN NOTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION OVER THE YANGTSE RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF I-CHANG, I-TU, AND CHIH-CHIANG. THE BRIDGE, LOCATED AT CHIH-CHIANG (30-16N 111-31E) NEAR I-TU AND ALONG THE PROPOSED ALIGNMENT OF A RAIL LINE CONNECTING LO-YANG (34-41N 112-28E) AND LOU-TI (27-45N 111-59E), HAS PROGRESSED AT A VERY SLOW RATE BETWEEN JANUARY 1967 AND DECEMBER 1967. THE STRUCTURE WAS IN THE PRELIMINARY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION WHEN FIRST OBSERVED IN JANUARY 1967 (SEE IAS PIR 75053, JUNE

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1967, [redacted] THIS WAS THE FIRST SIGN OF ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION ALONG THE PROPOSED ALIGNMENT SINCE CONSTRUCTION WAS SUSPENDED ON THE RAIL LINE IN 1964. THE ACTIVITY IN JANUARY 1967 CONSISTED OF THE PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION OF SIX CENTER PIERS. THE ACTIVITY IN DECEMBER 1967 CONSISTED OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF EIGHT CENTER PIERS AND PIERS FOR THE NORTHERN BRIDGE APPROACH. NO ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED ALONG THE PROPOSED ALIGNMENT OF THE RAIL LINE. THE ONLY OTHER RAIL ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN THE AREA IS THE NARROW GAUGE RAIL LINE LEADING APPROXIMATELY 10 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH FROM THE BRIDGE SITE TO AN AREA OF MINING ACTIVITY.

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3. ABOVE INFORMATION CURRENT THROUGH [redacted]

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4. COORDINATION WITH DIA YIELDS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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